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SUBJECT: RIFT BETWEEN GUINEA AND GUINEA BISSAU

1. RUMORS WITHIN CONAKRY DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES OVER PAST FEW DAYS HAVE CENTERED ON APPARENT RIFT BETWEEN CONAKRY AND BISSAU. GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO BISSAU CHARLES BEAVOGUI HAS BEEN RECALLED TO CONAKRY. SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS (EG EGYPT, ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA) SEEM CONVINCED THAT GUINEA BISSAU GOVERNMENT REQUESTED HIS RECALL. GUINEAN EMBASSY IN BISSAU REPORTEDLY IS COMPLETELY CLOSED. GUINEA BISSAU AMBASSADOR TO CONAKRY ALEXANDRE NUNES CORREIA HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM CONAKRY FOR SOME TIME. HIS EMBASSY, HOWEVER, IS STILL OPEN UNDER DIRECTION CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LANSANA TOURE.

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2. ACCORDING MOST RUMORS, AMBASSADOR BEAVOGUI'S PERSONAL

BEHAVIOR IN BISSAU, WHICH PRESIDENT CABRAL REPORTEDLY FOUND
OBJECTIONABLE, IS PART OF PROBLEM.
MOST DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS,
HOWEVER, HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT THIS IS REAL PROBLEM. THE
RESULT IN THESE CIRCLES IS PRIMARILY BEWILDERMENT, SINCE THERE
IS NO EVIDENCE IN CONAKRY OF EVEN A MINOR POLICY DIFFERENCE
(CERTAINLY NOT ON ANGOLA) BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. ON DECEMBER 19, EMBASSY HAD OCCASION TO QUERY TWO FRIENDLY
GOG OFFICIALS REGARDING REPORTS OF RIFT, WHICH AT THAT TIME
WERE ONLY VAGUE RUMORS. SOURCES INSISTED THAT NO SERIOUS OR
PERMANENT PROBLEM EXISTED, BUT DID NOT DENY THAT SOMETHING
WAS AMISS.
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